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SUBJ: DAHOMEY RECOGNIZES MPLA

REF A. COTONOU 1705 B. COTONOU A-80

1. DAHOMEAN MEDIA TODAY 26 NOV ARE GIVING TOP PLAY TO DECISION BY THE COUNTRY'S POLITBURO YESTERDAY TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

2. COMMENT: THE DAHOMEAN GOVT WAITED TWO WEEKS TO SEE WHAT OTHER AFRICAN GOVTS WOULD DO. PERHAPS IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE DAHOMEAN ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE NIGERIAN GOVT RECOGNIZED THE MPLA. DAHOMEY HAS OF COURSE SUPPORTED MPLA ALL ALONG. HEAVY LOCAL REPORTAGE HOWEVER COMPLETELY IGNORES SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WITH ARMS AND PERSONNEL. IT CONCENTRATES ITS VENOM ON SOUTH AFRICA, "REACTIONARY MERCENARIES" AND "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS." (LATTER EXPRESSION IS CATCH-ALL FOR US, FRANCE, PORTUGAL, WEST GERMANY). END COMMENT.

3. FOR LAGOS: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE TO YOUR MESSAGES ON MPLA RECOGNITION.

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